

**REMARKS**

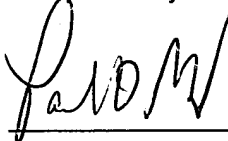
Claims 14 through 17, 19, 20, 27, 28, and 33 through 48 are currently pending in the application. Applicants note with appreciation that the Office Action (Action) states that claims 34 through 48 are allowable. Also, Applicants note with appreciation the fact that the Action states that claims 18 through 20, 23, 24, 29 and 31 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicants submit that amended claim 14 now includes the allowable subject matter of canceled claim 18 and is in condition for allowance. Additionally, claim 28 now includes the allowable subject matter of canceled claim 29 and is in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 14 through 17, 19, 20, 27, 28, and 33 through 48 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and the passage of this application to allowance.

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Respectfully submitted,



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